

California Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative

CRETI

Coordinating Committee



Notice of California Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (CRETI) Kick-off Meeting of the Plenary Stakeholder Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

1:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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conference call.

The conference call information is:

USA Toll Free Number: 888-942-9266

after 12:55 p.m.

Call Leader: Clare Laufenberg; Pass code: TRANSMISSION

Purpose

The California Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (CRETI) Coordinating Committee, comprised of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission), the California Independent System Operator (California ISO), and representatives of Publicly Owned Utilities – the Northern California Power Authority (NCPA), Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), and the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) – will hold a kick-off meeting to inform stakeholders of the CRET I effort, recruit participation in the Plenary Stakeholder Group, and respond to questions and concerns.

The objective of the CRETl is to facilitate the state's effort to meet Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) goals and greenhouse gas reductions by working collaboratively to:

- Identify and prioritize geographic “zones” having sufficient density of cost-effective renewable resources to justify large-scale transmission facilities;
- Develop conceptual transmission plans to access priority zones; and
- Develop detailed plans of service and begin the permitting and approval of priority projects.

The CRETl is a collaborative effort among the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Energy Commission (Energy Commission), California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO), Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs), Publicly- Owned Utility (POUs), renewable energy generators, local, state and federal agencies, landowners, and environmental and public interest groups.

The CRETl effort will be supervised by a Coordinating Committee comprised of representatives of the California entities responsible for ensuring the implementation of the state's renewable energy policies and development of electric infrastructure.

CRETl's work will be directed by a Stakeholder Steering Committee made up of representatives from each category of stakeholders: Transmission Providers; Renewable Generators; Power Purchasers; Environmental/Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations; Local, State, and Federal Governments; Federal Agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, and U.S. Forest Service; and State Regulatory Agencies.

The CRETl will be an open and transparent collaborative process in which all interested parties are encouraged to participate through the Plenary Stakeholder Group.

Plenary Stakeholder Group

Participation on the CRETl Plenary Stakeholder Group (PSG) is open to all parties interested in renewable resource and transmission development and the public. The PSG will meet roughly every two months to receive reports from the Stakeholder Steering Committee, provide input and perspective on CRETl work, help shape consensus recommendations and review progress toward program goals.

The PSG will operate as a collaborative and strive to reach consensus decisions. The sole requirement for participation is agreement to work in good faith toward this end. If consensus proves impossible to achieve, dissenting parties may produce their own recommendations for inclusion in CRETl reports.

Contact Information

For questions, please contact Dave Olsen at (805) 653-6881 or by e-mail [olsen@avenuecable.com] or Rich Ferguson (707) 895-9121 or by e-mail at [rich@ceert.org].

For copies of the Mission Statement, information about future meetings, and other information, please refer to the CRETl website at [www.energy.ca.gov/CRETI].

Additional Information

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Please direct all news media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989, or by email at **mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us**.

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